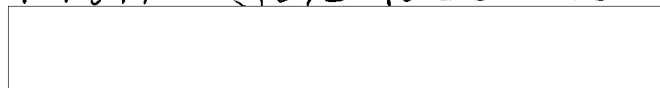


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The Honourable Daniel K. Inouye
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
Room G-308, Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Inouye:

Thank you for your letter of 29 March 1982. We are happy to hear that the issue of giving divorced spouses and widows of CIA covert officers vested rights in retirement and survivor benefits is being reviewed by Committee staff for possible consideration by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

We appreciate the understanding and interest that Committee staff have demonstrated in their willingness to meet with us to discuss this issue which is critical to the wellbeing of so many loyal American women and their children.

As you may know Vickie Toensing invited Barbara Colby--wife of former CIA Director William Colby--and me to meet with CIA staff members to discuss issues of concern to dependent wives of CIA officers. We talked at least briefly with CIA Executive Director [redacted] General Counsel Sporken, and Personnel Deputy Director [redacted] among others. As a result of this meeting a task force has been formed to identify these issues and to determine, if possible, their remedies. Mrs. Colby will act as chairman of the group of wives who will attend; [redacted] of Personnel will chair the task force. One meeting has been held and others are planned over the next 30 to 60 days. The task force will not address the issue of vested rights because it is already a legislative issue to be left in the hands of Congress.

We wish to thank you, Senator Inouye, for encouraging the participation of Douglas Finn in the review process and for allowing him to spend his time so generously on our proposal.

As American citizens, we wish to express to the Committee as a whole, our belief that we are fortunate to have elected representatives giving such full and sincere consideration to our interests. For all CIA wives, thank you.

Sincerely,

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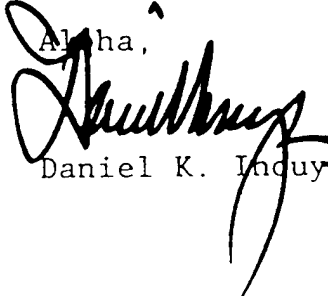
Dear 

Thank you for your letter of 6 February 1982 concerning the distribution of benefits to the spouses of CIA officers participating in the CIA Retirement and Disability System (CIARDS). I am also aware that you have contacted my office by telephone and have been in contact with members of the staff of the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

By letter of 7 January of this year I communicated to you the views of the Director of Central Intelligence on this issue, to the effect that provisions applicable to spouses of Agency personnel participating in CIARDS should be equivalent to those applicable within the civil service system. I realize, however, that the situation of the spouses of CIA officers serving abroad, especially those not functioning in a diplomatic capacity, are difficult and considerably different than that of the spouses of ordinary civil servants. In many ways their situation resembles that of the spouses of foreign service officers, for whom legislation along the lines you are interested in (creation of a vested interest in retirement benefits for the spouse) was provided in the Foreign Service Act of 1980. In many ways the situation of the spouse of a non-diplomatic CIA officer abroad can be even more difficult than that of a Foreign Service spouse.

I am informed that there is considerable interest among the staff of the Select Committee to prepare this issue for the consideration of the entire Committee. I believe there is already considerable understanding of, and interest in, this issue within the Committee. I will keep you informed of any actions or concerns of the Committee that may be of special interest to you. I hope you will cooperate in every way with the staff in preparing this issue for our consideration.

Thank you for your interest in this important issue that affects the condition and efforts of dedicated United States employees abroad.

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Daniel K. Inouye

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to share with you the response I received from the Director of Central Intelligence to your suggestion of extending the pension sharing provisions of the Foreign Service Act to former wives of CIA personnel.

As I am sure you are aware, CIA personnel are covered by two different pension systems -- the Civil Service Retirement System and the CIA Retirement and Disability System (CIARDS). CIARDS is unique to CIA and was established primarily in recognition of the extenuating circumstances of CIA personnel serving abroad. However, not all CIA personnel who have served abroad are in CIARDS; moreover, some CIA officers are covered under CIARDS as a result of qualifying service other than service abroad. By far, the largest majority of CIA personnel are covered under the government-wide Civil Service Retirement System.

It is my understanding that under the Civil Service Retirement System, a former spouse can receive annuity benefits during the life of the annuitant to the extent apportioned by a state court. This benefit was incorporated into CIARDS by Executive Order 12197 on 5 March 1980. Should the civil service retirement law be amended to provide additional benefits to former spouses, these would, of course, also be incorporated into CIARDS. In this regard, Congresswomen Schroeder introduced such legislation (H.R. 3040) during the last session of Congress.

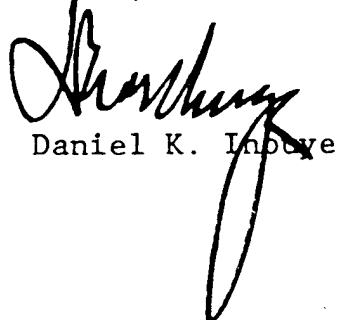
It is the Director's view that further changes in CIARDS to provide additional benefits to former spouses should continue to be made in the context of such changes in the Civil Service Retirement System. This will insure equitable treatment of former spouses who have lived overseas, regardless of which pension system the Agency employee is covered under.

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I hope you find this response to your concerns in this matter satisfactory.

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